



North Carolina WIRELESS 911 BOARD

Ronald P. Hawley, Chair

Charles B. Archer, Vice Chair

May 21, 2001

Dear County/City Manager,

As you are well aware, the State of North Carolina is suffering a budget crisis for this current fiscal year. Under the authority of the Executive Budget Act and the State Constitution, Governor Easley is required to operate the State under a balanced budget. In order to fulfill that mandate, the Office of State Budget, Planning and Management has identified funds totaling five million dollars in the Wireless 911 Fund to be transferred to the General Fund of the State of North Carolina.

The Wireless 911 Board met in a specially called session on Tuesday, May 15 and took the following action in response to the budget request:

- 1) Requested an advisory opinion from the Attorney General's office as to the authority the Governor's Office & State Budget Office may have to withdraw \$5 million from the Wireless 911 accounts.
- 2) Canceled making the May 2001 payment to eligible PSAP's. The amount of money in the PSAP's account is about \$1.2 million. The PSAP's are responsible for 39.6% of the \$5 million or \$1.98 million and the CMRS Providers are responsible for 59.4% or \$2.97 million. The remaining balance of 1% or \$50,000 will be paid out of administrative funds. The cash flow into the PSAP's account is about \$800,000 per month. Canceling the May payment will allow for adequate funds for the draw down.

Payments to the PSAPs should resume in June. It is anticipated that the June check could be below the average monthly amount PSAPs have experienced but should return to their normal amount with the July check.

The Wireless 911 Board realizes the inconvenience that your agency may experience because of this budget decision. It is the Board's hope that, this current crisis will be short lived and have a quick and satisfactory ending. Should you have any questions regarding this decision, the Wireless 911 Fund or the Wireless 911 Board, please do not hesitate to contact me at 252-672-7580 or via email at richard.taylor@ncmail.net.

Sincerely,

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North Carolina Wireless 911 Board

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